

July 7, 2009

Mr. Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 781 by Representative Hines  
HOMELESS: Creates the program for homeless assistance and prevention, the position of a director for homeless assistance and prevention, and the Louisiana Interagency Council for the Homeless

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 781 by Representative Hines creates an executive level position within the Department of Social Services and an "Interagency Advisory Council" to provide certain services and study ways to prevent and reduce homelessness. While I support the goals of this legislation, I am concerned about the five-year fiscal note of \$656,841. I would prefer that the agency address these objectives with existing resources.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 781 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

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